

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 32 and 34-50 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over claims 1-31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,263, but were otherwise indicated as being allowable during a telephonic interview conducted on September 17, 2009. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 32 and 34-50.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterizations or conclusions concerning the double patenting rejections as set forth in the Office Action, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer that obviates the double patenting rejection of claims 32 and 34-50. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the double patenting rejection and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

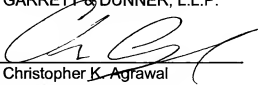
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will expedite issuance of this application, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's representative, whose name and registration number appear below.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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